

**TO: ADVISORY COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION RE MISDIRECTION AND LIMITED CHOICES IN RTP 2035 SURVEY

The MTC Advisory Council recommends to the MTC that continuing use of the web-based on-line survey on RTP Transportation 2035 be halted until several questions that are useless at best and offensive at worst can be revised or replaced.

Question 15 pits low income people against seniors and the disabled:

"I favor basing all transit subsidies on income rather than age or disability."

This input from the public is necessarily biased one way or the other. Unless MTC plans to favor one or the other, the answers are not useful. Does MTC plan to favor low income over seniors and the disabled?

The question could inquire about all use of discount fares (including the suburban discount for cost/mile traveled over the urban traveler's cost) Question 15 infringes on federal law requiring discount fares by implying that MTC can on its own change discount fares.

Another problem is Question 2, another political "push poll" that forces a choice between

a) EXPAND both transit and roads:

b) MAINTAIN both.

There is no choice between transit and roads. People should at least have more sensible options like

c) maintain transit and roads and expand transit.

Questions 2 and 15 should be at least be reworked and the results so far tossed out.